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ROANOKE, VA., DECEMBER 23, 1890.

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NOTICE.
THE TIMES will not be responsible for any bills contracted by employees unless orders are given for the same by the general manager.

THE TIMES PRIZE CONTEST.
The Opera House will be crowded this afternoon at 3 o'clock with hundreds of school children, their parents and friends and the general public, when Rev. Dr. Filippo delivers the bright \$5 gold pieces which are to be given as prizes in THE TIMES PRIZE ESSAY CONTEST.

Mayor Evans has kindly consented to preside, and the prize committee, the members of the school-board, the principals and teachers of the schools and the city clergy are hereby informally invited to seats on the platform.

The report of the examining committee is in the hands of the editor of THE TIMES, and it is highly favorable and complimentary to the public schools of Roanoke. The utmost fairness was exercised in selecting the prize winners and the decisions are unquestionably based on merit.

The Times inaugurated this contest because of its friendship for the public schools, and because it believes that healthful competition is the best agent of progress in every field. The cordial co-operation of everyone connected with the schools has made the contest a success. Hundreds of essays were submitted and not one failed to show that a busy brain was working inside the youthful writer's head.

The Times will contain to-morrow morning a full account of the opera house meeting, the names of the prize winners, the prize winning essays and also those which receive honorable mention.

VIRGINIA COALS.

Recent developments in the coal fields of West Virginia and Southwest Virginia show that the present output from that enormous tract will be vastly increased in the near future. All that goes to the seaboard will go across Virginia and pay tribute to Virginia's railroads. An ever increasing amount will be stopped by Virginia's manufacturing industries.

In one locality, it is stated, where but two seams of coal were known to exist eleven veins, counting up sixty-nine feet of solid coal, have been discovered. Under some seams of bituminous coal a fine quality of cannel coal, in one place over forty inches in thickness, has been found.

The Vanderbilt interests have purchased 50,000 acres of coking coal lands in one West Virginia county, and the Chesapeake and Ohio and Baltimore and Ohio railroads are both investing in the same field.

Nature did a big thing for the two Virginias, and has been waiting several hundred thousand years for mankind to find it out.

The Duke of Marlborough has been an extensive investor in Southwest Virginia this fall of his wife's money. It

is the first time the Duke and his ducks haven't made ducks and drakes of their money.

HENRY GEORGE has retired from the Standard, which he started and edited with remarkable success for several years. Now that he has so retired, a few words about this remarkable man may not be out of place. He has made considerable money out of his political books, lectures and writings, but not enough to raise a sneer at his wealth. His theory of taxation has so often been misstated that an accurate and popular presentation may not be out of place. He believes that labor creates all wealth and therefore ought not to be taxed at all; hence no product of labor should be taxed, for in taxing the product the producer is taxed. Mr. George would not tax a building, the product of labor; but would tax the ground under the building. By his plan a vacant lot would be taxed as much as the next lot of equal value on which is an expensive building.

PHYSIOLOGISTS claim that thought impulses travelling along the nerves create a certain amount of heat. If it were the nerve impulses travelling along the thoughts which made heat, we know of men who could run ten-horse power boilers.

THE FINANCIAL BILL.

Western Senators of the Opinion That No Financial Legislation Will be Passed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—[Special]—It does not appear that there is any material change in the situation in the Senate and it is impossible to predict when the financial bill will be agreed upon by the Senate finance committee will be called upon. The measure itself has not yet been reported back from the committee, where it is retained, presumably to prevent any unauthorized person from calling it up and offering a free coinage amendment.

It is apparent that no success has yet attended the efforts made to secure harmony of action upon the bill, and the continuing divergence of opinion with respect to the measure is having the effect to strengthen the belief of certain Western Senators that no financial legislation at all will be had this session. So far as the election bill is concerned, there are signs of a change of some kind in its treatment, and it is possible that to-morrow morning Senator Aldrich will submit a closure resolution, as instructed by the caucus, letting it lie upon the table to be called up when it shall be deemed necessary or expedient.

Engineer Blakey Killed.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., Dec. 22.—The remains of George D. Blakey, who was killed at Sylvester, in Southwest Virginia, by Samuel Sayres, arrived here yesterday. The first particulars of the affair were brought by James Blakey, who was with his brother at his death. George D. Blakey was the engineer in charge of the construction of a branch of the Norfolk and Western railroad, running from Pulaski City into the mineral regions in the mountains of Carroll county.

Near the terminus of the road is the village of Sylvester, where Mr. Blakey was waiting the arrival of a train, when Samuel Sayres, it is alleged, persistently sought a difficulty for no apparent reason, except that he was in liquor and quarrelsome. He finally picked up a stone and threw it at Blakey, striking him above the left temple, producing a very bad fracture of the skull. Some of the crushed bone penetrated the brain. The railroad officers and employees made up a purse to be offered as a reward for the capture of Sayres. The deceased was the youngest son of A. R. Blakey, a prominent lawyer at the Charlottesville bar, and a brother of the editor of the Jeffersonian.

Mail Carrier Murdered and Robbed.
BRISTOL, Dec. 22.—[Special]—News reached here later this evening stating that the mail carrier between Big Stone Gap and Whitesburg, Kentucky, had been foully murdered and robbed. He was found with his throat cut from ear to ear and mail bags rifled.

Madam Fry at the Opera House To-night.
Madam Fry's concert company will give a concert at the Opera House to-night, the proceeds to go to the Calvary Baptist Church. Of this company the Boston Journal says:

Special mention must be made of the well-selected programme. "The Dove," by Miss Eugenio, displayed an unusually bright, high and flexible soprano voice to the pleasure of all. Miss Lulu has a contralto voice of much power and beauty of quality, and sang her numbers with a keen appreciation of their sentiment. Miss Alta was heard only in her violin solo, but shares the musical intelligence of the others. Madam Fry's really marvelous voice was a rare pleasure and warrants one the desire to have her remain with us, to be heard in our oratorio performances.

James Gallagher in Limbo.
James Gallagher is Roanoke's b-a-a-d man. Some weeks since he was arrested on a charge of assaulting a woman. He was fined \$15, but was released upon his promise to leave the city and remain away for six months. This promise he failed to fulfill, appearing on the street yesterday. He was seen by Officer Tinsley and escorted to the station-house to appear before Mayor Evans in the morning.

Wasting Time.
From the National Democrat.

The apportionment bill which has passed the House of Representatives is a partisan measure, but by no means so unfair as it would have been if the Republicans had not been aware that they could not muster a quorum to pass the bill. Prominent Republicans of the House admit there is no probability that they will be able to secure a quorum of their party at any time during the present session.

Bristol is to have a new city hall to cost \$10,000.

Christmas is Close at Hand!

Are you prepared for it? If not, then, of course, you'll want to be.

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They embrace a great variety of very unique productions of this very unique people, and are just the thing for novel Christmas gifts. Call and look them over. Then they are showing a most complete assortment of the following goods to be found this side of the large cities. Their prices are the very lowest in the city. Handkerchiefs in every phase of style, quality and color; stamped linens in toilet sets, bouffet covers, pillow shams, doilies, lunch cloths; handsome linen in table sets, towels, napkins in unusual variety; kid, cashmere and fur-top gloves and mits of all kinds; our assortment is simply complete; umbrellas for ladies or gentlemen; new styles for Christmas gifts now open; muffs and fur capes of all kinds; neckwear, collars and cuffs, suspenders, etc., for gentlemen; silk mufflers in a variety of styles; pocket-books, purses and shopping bags in all the new and popular shapes; hair brushes, combs, toilet waters, perfumes, soaps in glycerine, palm, etc., in great variety. We offer this week 120 ladies' flannel undershirts at \$1.10 per piece, regular value \$1.50; 25 pieces 36-inch all-wool cloth dress goods at 25c, worth 37½c.

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THE ROANOKE HOSPITAL.

A meeting of the subscribers to the hospital fund, and of all citizens of Roanoke feeling an interest in the enterprise, will be held at the Opera House at 4 p. m. on Friday, December 19.

The ladies are cordially invited and a large attendance of our people is earnestly requested. It is desired that a board of trustees shall be elected and definite action taken towards organization and construction. Committee on subscription.

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